H'N'B'E MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) The question is hypothetical. It is likely that unrestricted import of copra at low prices would adversely affect the price of cocoanut produce in the State.

(*b*) The question will be taken up if occasion arises.

(*c*) The Government of India are aware of the repercussions that may ensue in this country, as a result of indiscriminate import of copra into India. Even at present imports are restricted, and there is at the moment a shortage of copra in the country on account of the fact that it has been found not possible to import even the limited quantities which are permitted,

Securities held by Travancore.

* 431. MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of securities held by Travancore on 1-6-24;

(*b*) the amount raised on these securities as it stands on 1-6-1124;

(*c*) the amount invested on the stock of Food Grains as it stands on 1-6-1124;

(*d*) the estimated annual net loss on the food grains purchase and sale by Government?

HON'BLE MR. A J JOHN: (*a*) I. Rs. 5,42,72,500.

(*b*) I. Rs. 478·25 lakhs on the deposit of securities to the value of Rs. 5,05,72,500.

(*c*) I. Rs. 45,00,000 approximately.

(*d*) About I. Rs. 3,36,00,000 per annum if no subsidy is granted.

Branch lines by the Transport Department.

* 432. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme to take over the branch lines by the Transport Department; and

(*b*) when will the Thengapattanam-Kuzhithura line be taken up?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No time limit can be fixed now.

Perunchani Scheme.

* 433. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state-

(*a*) the approximate period within which the Government expect to complete the Perunchani scheme.

(*b*) the nature of work now going on; and

(*c*) the expenditure till now incurred?

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